-the sum insured is equal to the crop loan disbursed subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,000/- per farmer.

— The premium payable is 2% for wheat, paddy and millets and 1% for oilseeds and pulses of the sum insured.

— 50% of the premium payable by small and marginal fanners is subsidized equally between Central and State Governments.

— Indemnity claims are shared between the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 2:1.

— If the actual average yield in any area notified under this scheme falls short of guaranteed yield fixed for that area, the farmers who have availed agricultural loans for insured crops are entitled to an indemnity under the scheme to the extent of shortfall in the yield vis-a-vis the guaranteed yield.

Statement-II

SI. No.	State	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10,62.739	12,64,659	12,17,696
2.	Assam	301	475	738
3.	Bihar	1,33,895	1,65,217	97,634
4.	Goa	1,403	1,258	1,296
5.	Gujarat	8,54,581	9,05,443	9,13,628
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1,024	1,370	838
7.	Karnataka	3,38,512	2,99,661	3,24,358
8.	Kerala	33,303	36,012	34,424
9.	Madhya Pradesh	10,35,745	10,27,065	11,79,373
10.	Maharashtra	10,43,815	10,13,653	11,45,328
11.	Meghalaya	1,127	830	388
12.	Orissa	4,58,523	4,51,762	4,59,065
13.	Tamilnadu	1,72,168	1,60,779	1,33,990
14.	Tripura	1,113	83	69
15.	West Bengal	5,17,760	5,17,251	4,90,915
16.	A&N Islands	0	228	240
17.	Pondicherry	1,730	1,249	1,362
	TOTAL	56,57,739	58,46,985	60,01,342

Cultivation of Oil Palm

*127. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enhance cultivation of Oil Palm in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the nurseries and demonstration units working in Orissa; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Government propose to increase area under oil palm cultivation in the country from 49,227 hectares in 1997-98 to an estimated 1.22 lakh hectares by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) One oil palm nursery set up in Bhubneshwar is at present working for raising oil palm seedlings. No processing unit has been set up in Orissa so far due to inadequate' availabilty of fresh fruit bunches of oil palm.